

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 22, 2005 rejected Claims 14-19 under U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Den Enden et al (U.S. Pat. 6,115,340). The Applicants respectfully point out that the pending and rejected claims should read Claims 13-19. The Claims 13-19 corresponds to Claims 47, 48, 50-53 and 73 presented in the parent application Serial No. 09/876,509, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,735,155. These claims were categorized as Group III in the Restriction Requirement of September 12, 2002. Additionally, the Applicant respectfully brings to the attention of the Examiner that the rejection should be based on U.S.C. 102(e), rather than U.S.C. 102 (b) as stated in the Office Action. The section of U.S.C. 102 quoted in the second page of the Office Action is U.S.C. 102 (e), rather than U.S.C. 102 (b).

The Applicants submit the certified translation of the Japanese patent application JP8-79252 which this application claims priority. This copy was previously submitted on April 4, 2002 in the parent application and the filing date of the application is April 1, 1996. The certified copy is respectfully submitted to remove the principle reference, Van Den Enden et al (U.S. Pat. 6,115,340).

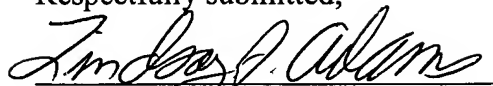
The Applicants additionally present new claims 20-22. The additional claims are invention of information recording medium with same feature claimed in claims 13-16. No new matter is being presented.

The Applicants respectfully request for an early examination and allowance. The applicants do not believe that any fees are due other than the fee for the request for the two extension of time submitted with this response. However, if any additional fees are due, please

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charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

Respectfully submitted,

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